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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6610**

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Cal. No. 346

"AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than November 1, 4 2013, the Commissioner of Social Services shall survey persons on the 5 waiting list for the waiver program established pursuant to section 6 17b-283 of the general statutes to identify (1) the number of such 7 persons with severe disabilities; (2) the number of such persons living 8 in an institution; (3) the type of each person's disability or medical 9 condition; (4) the person's age; (5) the length of time the person has 10 been on the waiting list; (6) whether the person has private medical 11 insurance; (7) the monthly cost of the person's care; and (8) whether 12 the person may qualify for any other Medicaid waiver program and 13 which such program the person may qualify for. For purposes of this 14 section, (A) "severe disabilities" means one or more disabilities or

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medical conditions requiring life-supportive medical devices and skilled nursing care, and (B) "institution" means a hospital or nursing home, as defined in section 19a-537 of the general statutes.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services on the waiver program established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general statutes. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The number of waiver program recipients who have severe disabilities; (2) the type of each recipient's disability or medical condition; (3) the age of each recipient; (4) the information obtained pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; (5) whether waiver program recipients and persons on the waiting list qualify for any other Medicaid waiver program and what program they may qualify for; and (6) a plan to increase the number of persons with severe disabilities who receive services under the waiver program established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general statutes. The plan shall include (A) a recommendation on the number of new waiver slots needed to serve those with severe disabilities; (B) an analysis of any eligibility criteria changes which may be needed to ensure that those in need of services receive them; (C) recommendations on other Medicaid waiver programs or Medicaid state plan options the state may apply for or utilize for the provision of services to current recipients and those on the waiting list for the program established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general statutes; and (D) a study of cost-sharing options in use in other states that may be utilized in Connecticut to help fund the waiver program established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
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